

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 16, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Hotel Chelsea. Atlantic City. June 16, (1911) My darling Alec:

I am almost getting really worried about you. I cannot understand your not telegraphing me, certainly not after my appeal yesterday. I can only think that you are alone in the house with new servants and it is too much of a bother to telephone the telegram. But why can't you write it and give it to John McDermid. I have telegraphed Mr. Byrnes in despair. Of course you may say you don't know my address. I hadn't thought of telegraphing it to you, but your telegram from Halifax was forwarded from Washington all right so that would make no difference.

Elsie is improving, her color is better and her appetite continues good. But she needs to be here and kept quiet and is in no condition to go North for in the first place her milk won't dry up and it is necessary to have it drawn twice a day to keep it from caking which might mean an abscess of the breast. She is all tightly strapped up to keep the secretion from forming and dosed with belladonna, but it seems a slow process.

We hear that her baby at home is doing splendidly, thriving on the bottle and little Alec is getting on finely. Dr. Spencer discovered that the trouble with him was worms, which he must have had for several months and he is now suffering from malnutrition in consequence.

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Daisy says Barbara gained a pound last week although she had temperature at least one night, probably from teething.

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They report cool weather in Washington. It was quite chilly here for a while.

Much love and please, please telegraph often.

Your Mabel.